

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET
MCCAFFERY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly memorable Cleveland woman. Margaret McCaffery, a member of Cleveland city council for twenty-eight years, represented her community with strong dedication and service.

Margaret was born in Vancouver, British Columbia and later moved to Washington state. While a teenager, Margaret was a vaudeville dancer and met her husband, James "Mickey" McCaffery, on tour in 1924. She raised five children through the tough times of the Thirties and Forties. James McCaffery died in July 1947 after taking out petitions to run for the Cleveland city council seat he had formerly held. Margaret took on a great burden and ran for the seat in his place. Her successful election the following fall gave her the seat that she would represent for the next sixteen years.

After her seat was eliminated as a result of redistricting, Margaret moved to the near West Side and was again elected to council. Throughout her twenty-eight years on the council, Margaret chaired numerous committees and represented her ward well. She received many awards and was recognized by President John F. Kennedy as one of the most influential women politicians in the country.

I had the pleasure of serving with Margaret on the Cleveland city council. I treasure our thirty-year friendship and always admired her unique ability to balance strength and gentleness, which is what made her such an effective council member. She is survived by two sons, two daughters, ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Margaret will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

My fellow colleagues, join with me in honoring Mrs. Margaret McCaffery.

**BOB PATZER: TWO DECADES OF
OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, if you want a job done right, hire a professional. For the past twenty years, Associated Underground Contractors, Inc., has done exactly that, having had Bob Patzer as its Assistant Executive Director from December, 1977, until he became the Executive Director in December of 1987. He was recently honored for his twenty years of outstanding service, an honor that he has most certainly earned.

Bob Patzer understands project construction from beginning to end. He worked as a summer construction worker after his graduation from high school and as his way of earning his college degree at Michigan State University. Following graduation, he worked for Bennis & Son, Flintkote Corporation, Mayo Company, and finally Alexander & Alexander. Having

worked with sales, supplies, bid developments, field responsibilities, and as an account executive, Bob had truly learned every phase of the business.

With his experience and talent, it was only natural that he should be selected by Associated Underground Contractors, Inc. This association provides a variety of assistance with labor, legal, communication, legislative and safety matters. It provides education and training programs, legislative ombudsmanship, and information programs that are essential for companies in today's complex age. Bob Patzer has worked with and developed many of these programs, and because of his efforts, many of us regularly rely on AUC for information that is credible, timely, and effective.

Bob has been credited with the successful passage of several important legislative proposals in the State of Michigan. I know his knowledge and influence have helped to play a significant role on matters that have come before us here as well. We can design a program, initiate an effort, or espouse a dream. But none of these worthwhile activities bear fruit until they have been designed and built by professionals like Bob Patzer.

With the support that Bob has had from his wife, Linda, and his children, Tiffany and Shane, Bob has had a successful professional life sustained and encouraged by a wonderful family. They also deserve to be thanked and congratulated for the support they have offered to Bob during his career.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in congratulating Bob Patzer on his 20th anniversary with Associated Underground Contractors, Inc., and wishing him many more years filled with at least an equal amount of success.

**THE LAST FLIGHT MISSION OF
THE FIRST JET AIRCRAFT DES-
IGNATED AIR FORCE ONE**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on March 26 of President Clinton's historic voyage to Africa, the first aircraft designated as Air Force One flew its last mission. Vice President GORE signed it into retirement as of April 1, but not before the first Air Force One carried Members of Congress who accompanied President Clinton to South Africa.

Mr. Speaker, I was one of those Members who joined the President on this trip. The importance of his travel to Africa and the significance of being aboard the aircraft were very relevant to me. It was this Air Force One that transported President John F. Kennedy's body from Dallas to Washington after his assassination in 1963.

Mr. Speaker, representing Dallas, I am reminded of that fateful day by driving through the streets, parades, and other activities along the grassy knoll area. However, being on board the plane that carried President Kennedy's body made those remembrances much more special. The first Air Force One represented a tragic end for our country, but also a new beginning. The plane was the site of

President Lyndon Johnson's swearing-in as the 36th President prior to that flight.

In 1962, the Government purchased and deployed the aircraft that carried President Richard Nixon on his trips to China and Russia in 1962. Air Force One continued historic and important flights, serving eight Presidents.

Mr. Speaker, this exclusive aircraft symbolizes service to the President as he and other passengers travel throughout the world to promote peace and democracy in other countries. The first Air Force One began, and now ends successfully in that purpose. One great example of that purpose was the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the 1-year inauguration of the Ron Brown Commercial Center in South Africa, named after the late Commerce Secretary.

The center was an impressive testimony to his mission of promoting democracy and economic opportunities in developing countries. Of course, the ceremony was one of many important and memorable visits what would not have been possible without Air Force One and its staff. On behalf of the United States delegation to Africa that traveled aboard the aircraft, I would like to express how honored we were to fly on its last voyage.

Mr. Speaker, the plane will be on display at the U.S. Air Force Museum at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base outside of Dayton, OH. As many Americans view this plane, I hope that they will do it service by not forgetting its missions and its significance to our country. As a recent passenger, I know that I will not forget the first Air Force One.

For the RECORD, Mr. Speaker, I would like to document the United States delegation to South Africa who flew aboard the original Air Force One during its last flight:

Representative John Conyers; Rep. Corrine Brown; Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald; Paul A. Allaire, Chairman/CEO, Xerox Corporation; Alma Arrington Brown, Chair, Ronald H. Brown Foundation; Ronald Burkle, Managing Partner, Yucaipa Companies; Melvin Clark, Jr., President/CEO, Metroplex Corporation; Dr. Ramona H. Edelin, President/CEO, National Urban Coalition, Interim Exec. Director, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.; Rep. Amory Houghton; Rep. Shelia Jackson-Lee; Rep. Harold Ford, Jr.; Honorable Dennis Archer, Mayor, City of Detroit; Rev. Dr. Joan Brown-Campbell, General Secretary, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; Dr. Emma C. Chappell, Founder, Chairman & CEO, United Bank of Philadelphia; Ronald Dellums, Former Member of Congress, Healthcare International Management Company; and Ernest Green, Chairman, African Development Foundation.

Bishop Frederick Calhoun James, Former Bishop, 2nd Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church; Kase Lawal, Chairman, President/CEO, Camac Holdings, Inc.; Kweisi Mfume, President & CEO, NAACP; Ilyasha Shabazz, Director of Public Affairs & Special Events, Office of Honorable Mayor Ernest Davis; John Sweeney, President, AFL-CIO; The Honorable Wellington Webb, Mayor of Denver, Colorado; Robert Johnson, Founder, Chairman & CEO, Black Entertainment Television, Inc.; C. Payne Lucas, President, Africare, Ernest S. Micek, Chairman & CEO, Cargill, Inc.; Lottie Shackelford, Board Member, OPIC; Maurice Templesman, Leon Templesman & Son; and Carol Willis, Director of Community Services, Democratic National Committee.